

Another Whack at the Arkansas Valley.

Some dozen years ago, or more, the Bagie called the ado settlers, for Irrigation purposes. Year by year the volume of water was being diminished, while the government was trying to improve the river from Wichita south for navigation purposes. The attention of the war department, which has charge of navigable rivers, was directed to the matter by the editor of this paper. The reply was that in the absence of some congressional legislation the war department could do nothing. Later, or within a year or two, the matter was again taken up by this paper and by a lawyer or two of this city. The issue having at attorney general of Kansas promised to file a suit in the ing the respective riparian rights, vested claims and ancient ents involved. Mr. Godard proceeded to Washington, but for some reason, unknown to the writer, the suit was not filed. Now comes the Topeka Capital of yesterday, saying that the whole matter has been postponed because this being a wet session in Colorado the waters of the Kaw Bottoms, but not here. It is not true that the storfirst settlers have the right to be heard, at least, and any attempt to trick them out of a hearing will be resented.

### -How It Shouldered a Dead Issue.

The way that a large per cent of the Sound Money Dem. erats are squirming over the possibilities of Bryanism and 16 to 1 is ardusing. They protend to believe that Bryan seing the small chances for his party in the senate for the delegates to the national Democratic convention were assembling at Kansas City on the first days of last July they were told that Mr. Bryan would not accept the nomination for president if the Democratic platform dld not contain the specific ratio of 16 to 1. A majority of them ears City hourly reiterated Mr. Bryan's demand. Thus the country believe that the Republican party is menacing the country with imperialism. There are a good many close, but the big majority cannot be gulled.

## Boston Is Still a Big City.

The City of Beans will, on the face of the returns, stand cities have been counted and bulletined, but the former is much the larger of the two, in all but the mirrowest sense. The municipal limits of St. Louis include about all there is of the city. The area enclosed by the legal boundaries is big enough to contain all but detached suburbs. In Boaten the case is very different. Four big municipalities adjusted to contain all but detached suburbs, and if the limits of Boston were as extensive of the boundaries of St. Louis the New England city would have probably St. Louis the New England city would have probably 200,000 more population than the census gives credit for. But being very much the greater center of business, indus-

up such a total, and Eugland takes it as a matter of course. It is one of the strongest cases in recent years of teaching a nation by experience.

## The Other Kind of Expansion.

Measured by the increase of her experts, the United States is the most prosperous nation in the world. The expunsion of our manufactures is very marked. The second year of McKinley's administration abowed that the products experied amounted to one million dollars for every working day, a phenomenal increase. Now it is more than a million deliars a day, Sundays and hotblays included. July is a dull export month, but the total experts of American manufactures amounted to \$38,554,042, which was but 35 per cent of the grand total of American exports for the was not in Cuba at all. enough. In 1869 the exports of manufactures averaged three and a half millions per month; in 1870 they were a Butle over five millions a month; in 1880 they were less than than the east. ten millions per month; in 1888 they were twelve and a balk millions per month; in 1862 they were twenty-eight millions per manth, and in the fiscal year 1900, thirty-six million dollars per month.

This rapid growth in the experiation of manufactures always had its direction? is particularly gratifying when compared with that of other nations which have heretofore chiefly supplied the world's markets in manufactured goods. In 1860 our total exports of manufactured were but \$10,041,692; in that year those of the Boked Kingdom were Mil. 158.262; by 1870 our own experts of manufactures had increased to \$62,79.764, and those of the United Kingdom were \$000,168,774; in 1880 ex- seriously.

856,015, and those from the United Kingdom were \$976,681. 866,015, and those from the United Kingdom were \$976,881.
400: in 1890 exports of manufactures from the United States were \$151,102,376, and those from the United Kingdom were \$1.089,155,787; in 1900 exports of manufactures from the United Kingdom were \$1.089,155,787; in 1900 exports of manufactures from the United Kingdom in 1890, while those from the United Kingdom in 1889, the latest available year, were practically the same as in 1890, being \$1,092,553,672. Thus it will be seen that our exports of manufactures are now ten times as much as in 1890, while those of the United Kingdom in 1890, while those from the United Kingdom in the

the times as much as in 1860, while those of the United Kingdom are but one and a half times as much as in 1860.

What the Census Total Will Be,

It is impossible to believe the reports that Superintendent Merriam of the census bureau, considers the returns from the thirty large cities first counted evidence that the total population of the United States will be nearly 86,000,000. So far, the experts of the census bureau have been very reasonable in their estimates, and it is incredible that they should become, all at once, wildly extravagant.

The figures officially announced are so far from indicat-

ng a total population of \$0,000,000 that they virtually prove, already, that the whole number of inhabitants cannot be near that number. It is simply impossible, on the showing made in the foremost industrial and business centers of the

country.

On the contrary, the evidence is growing more and more conclusive that the population will fall under 75,000,000. Nearly every large city has made a gain much smaller, in proportion to the population which it had in 1890, than the increase between 1830 and 1890 was relatively The squire had a houseful of jolly people, and Harry Manners brought down a friend—a well-known navelist and a particularly handsome man—with whom, I noted, Flora appeared to be much taken, I therefore made a few inquiries, and discovered much that was of interest. He sold his last book for 21,000, and averages three volumes a printer runs onto ghe name be lays his stick down and sweats.

The Garber Sentinel skys that Marsh interest. He sold his last book for 21,000, and averages three volumes a carry man when he returned she had disappeared. to the number of inhabitants in the former years. The year, I did not lay these facts before Flora. rate per cent of growth has fallen far and fast, in most because, like a foolish girl, she persists cases. About half of the cities reported have made less in thinking I am mercenary. I kept my sotual gain than they did in the earlier decade. Outside eyes wide open, and actually entertained the squire and Harry all the evening, of New York City the balance is markedly on the wrong while she strolled about the grounds with side, in that respect.

The meaning of such facts cannot be mistaken. Since in connection with the tennis tournament the increase in the decade from 1880 to 1890 was about is the draw for the mixed doubles comthe increase in the decade from 1880 to 1890 was about 12,700,600, it follows that a gain of 12,000,600 in the last ten years would be an extreme maximum. That would make a total of less than 76,000,000. But since the rate per cent of increase has fallen off so greatly in the places where the growth of the country has been mainly concentrated, there is every reason to believe that the final footings will show not more than 76,000,000 in the United States. The total may be much less than that.

Superintendent Merriam of the census bureau, is too intelligent not to see this inevitable outcome of the work intelligent not to see this inevitable outcome of the work.

Indian must be preserved—not embanase ed—just preserved.

If the Osage reservation elects a man to the Oklahoma legislature his being sented will depend largely on what is and little jealousles. I knew whom Flora wanted, and I meant to contrive it if I could. (I smusgled myself into the room where the slips of paper were and, though it was dark, and I had no matches. I managed to decipher the name "Graham" and folded up the pare ward. The couple fied through the corn, returning at dawn. The next high the cardian again, with a small pearl button inside, so that Flora could easily feel it.

Fortunately, when the time come, she happened to be chosen first to draw let.

of tabulating returns which is now in progress. He has not predicted a total of anything like \$9,000,000 for the United States, within the old limits of the country. He may have said that 80,000,000 of people would be found in the territory of the republic, including the Philippines and Porto Rico. That would be a very conservative estimate.

### Bryan's Calamity Wail to Farmers

Bryan, knowing that the farmers have been prosperou since the return of Republican times, has tried to make them believe that they have not had their share of prosperity; that even though they have received higher prices for their products, they have had to pay more for what they had to buy.

Such talk as Bryan indulged in at Topeka is an insult to the intelligence of the farmers, however. They know why times were hard four years ago, and they know why there is prosperity today, and they cannot be deluded by

the demagogy of the boy orator, "I shall not vote to destroy the prosperity of the country," said an intelligent farmer the other day. "Four years try," said an intelligent farmer the other day. "Four years ago we were getting but forty cents a bushel for our wheat. Men were starving to death in the cities, and we had an abundance of food for them, but they had no work and consequently were without the means to purchase what we had to sell. The farmer who knows anything knows shall not play; and, as Mr. Graham was shall not play; and as Mr. Graham was shall not play shall no we had to sell. The farmer who knows anything knows that he cannot be prosperous unless labor in the cities is employed, and there is a good market for the products of who responsible for this, and it was for the sole sake of catching the Populists and Free Silver Republicans. He having corralled them by his platform, is now trying to have sound money Democrats by his tirades on imperialism. In industrial activity, Anything which interferes with the name of a bediddlen old lady in the farm, and higher the having some miles a good market for the products of the forms, and higher the name of a bediddlen old lady in the name of a bediddlen of a bediddlen old lady in the name of a bediddlen old lady in the name of a bediddlen old lady in the name of a bediddlen old la crity and commerce and industry is sure to bring hard times to the to commence, when the lad ran upon So confident is that national Republication and that is why the farmer this year should yote the ground, and, in the most fatigued can committee of Kanaus that it will not farmer, and that is why the farmer this year should vote to continue in power the party which has brought pros. perity to the country."

This is the kind of reasoning which is certain to upset suckers in this country, as the ballot box this fall will dis- Bryan's plan to get the votes of the farmers this year by raising the calamity wall.

## Rats and Mice and Insurance.

A Boston fire insurance company recently made an interesting investigation to discover, if possible, whether about 15,000 below St. Louis in the census tables, for both there is any reason for the popular belief that rats and cities have been counted and buildtined, but the former is mice set fires by gnawing matches. The experiment cov-

powers demanding the abdication of the dowager, and that petition is what turned her against the foreigners. And some other That

Graham or Grantam.

lection of his songs, As for that curate

-who, of course, worships Flore-we
never mention him, which is the only
comfort I can derive from the affairs
of my ungrateful cousin.

The tennis tournament came round, and
everything bade fair to pass off beautifully. The squire had a houseful of
july people, and Harry Manners brought
down a friend-a well-known novelist and
Garber who advertises and every time.

Graham.

One of the most interesting functions tically in regard to the delay of the Dawes commission that the rights of the delay with the tennis couragners.

Oh, why did you play me such a

"Trick?" I retorted. "My dear girl, I, too, am a victim, and the perpetrators the miserable half-light in uncle's study and the abominable similarity in names." Well, I don't play with him!" she

"No, dear; you shan't," I assured her. "How"

send him to pay a call on an alling person three or four miles off."
"Yes, dear; but what do you propose?"
"To send a note to Mr. Grantam purshall not play; and, as Mr. Graham was

I wrote a note in feigned hand, signed

manner—thanks to my coaching—dely-ered the note to the curate. I saw him open it, watched him read, and searched his force for the curate.

Ontlines of Oklahoma

disappeared That fourteen-year-old boy charged

rie jail, should not be sent to the peni-tentiary, no matter what the legal emer-

so that Flora could easily feel it. the bride and groom fied. The third Fortunately, when the time come, she night the charivari party again came and happened to be chosen first to draw her the old bachelor and widow stood

dip. I had, of course, told her what I had done and she seemed pleased Graham had undoubledly made the best of his time. She fumbled about in the box for some moments, drew forth a alip and read out the name of Grantam, the curate!

I was horsted I relevant at that he I was horified. I glanced at that horized every the curate, and saw his face cloud as the noticed Flora's pout of displeasure. I called Flora to one side. She was on the point of crying.

"Oh, why did you play me such a carbon will displeas of least than \$750per head will dispose of less than \$32, 000. The Osages have drawn \$50 per quarter for the past four years and prior to that time drew more. There is evidently a nigger in the wood-pile somewhere.

### Along the Kansas Nile.

The recruiting officers say that most of the Kunsus boys who want to go to the Philippines come from the farms. During the past two months at Hutch-inson the marriage licenses issued and porting to come from a sick person in the divorces granted have been numeri-

One silver Republican turned up at a drawn for a bye, we can surely arrange convention in Washington county, to pair you off." Kansas boys who are in the Philip-

pines are writing home telling their folks to stand by expansion. And maybe that

his face for the disguist and disappoint to death.

ment I had expected. But he took at There is one thing about I. P. Campquite as a matter of course, clapped his belt which he can't help. He likes to
hat on his head and strode across the say what he think by most and course and them by most and Campbell to death.
There is one thing about I. P. Camp-

is any what he thinks. Before the Demois any to look for Flora,
I had sent her to the background, and
went forward to meet him.

"Are You looking for Miss Eldiddge?
She has gone in the house."

"Yes." he replied. "Would you mind
telling her that I am called away hurriedly to see an alling parishioner at
Upper Littleton? I am bitterly disuppointed at having to forsuke her, but I

Wilson. I want the major will appoint H. R.

is what turned her against the foreigners. And some other Chinaman fooled Tuan into doing it. In a word, no one is is a very careful girl, but I could see that he had not actually proposed. Well, perhaps it was rather too soon to expect. Twenty-first Eanuas under peculiar circumstances. But being very much the greater center of business, industry and population. Boston negative for many first first population. Bryan says he thinks it is the fault of human laws, not divine, that most men work the year around. The Mexister is close behind Philadelphia in true size. It might take in suburbs enough to life its population to the million mark without stretching the proportedies much.

Learned From Dear Experience.

In the early stages of the Ricer war the English idea of the nighting necessary to conquer the Transvall and the young regulate will step expendent missionaries naked and outraged them, before killing the meant it; and she was uneasy. At dimer that the believe that at Bryan's command him to stop growing. If the boy stops growing there will be some ground to believe that at Bryan's command him to stop growing. If the boy stops growing there will be some ground to believe that at Bryan's command him to stop growing. If the boy stops growing there will be some ground to believe that at Bryan's company in the south made in the least of the nighting necessary to conquer the Transvall and the young regulation.

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Senator Wellington seems to have gone down to Washington and made the halt-crasheng discovery that the government is superintended by the president, not by the general content of the seed of the see

## School Hosiery Saturday

One case of Children's Fast Black Ribbed Hose in sizes 6 to good value at 17c. Saturday choose at 12 1-2c. One case better grade, sizes 6 to 10; real value 20c. Choose Saturday at 15c.

## Do You Like Cake?

The ladies of the First M. E. Church will hold a cake sale

Wanted-Apprentice girls in our millinery department,

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Just received fine line of Cheviots, Homespun and English Worsted Walking Skirts in stripes and mixed cloths. Strictly up-to-date.

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# Fall Walking Hats

Our line of Felt Walking Hats is complete. All the new ones are here. They represent the best London and Paris ideas, but are sold at our popular prices. To give you a hint as to their attractiveness, we show several styles in our window.

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